

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Original) A financing application processing method in an electronic-
2 commerce transaction system where a seller-side terminal that applies a financing, a buyer-side
3 terminal that establishes a transaction with said seller-side, and a center site that stores progress
4 data on said transaction are connected to each other via a network, comprising the steps of:
5 said seller-side terminal transferring, to said center site, financing applying
6 information including a target transaction set as a security and a suggested money-amount;
7 said center site that receives said financing applying information making an
8 inquiry of said buyer-side terminal of said target transaction about a disclosure
9 approval/disapproval of said progress data to a terminal of a financial institution connected to
10 said network;
11 said buyer-side terminal receiving an input of said buyer so as to transfer, to said
12 center site, said disclosure approval/disapproval in response to said inquiry; and
13 said center site that receives said disclosure approval/disapproval, in a case of
14 receiving a disclosure approval, transferring, to said terminal of said financial institution,
15 financing requesting information along with said progress data and said suggested money-
16 amount.
- 1 2. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 1, wherein said center site, in a case of receiving a disclosure disapproval of said progress data,
3 notifies said seller-side terminal that said financing application is disapproved.

1 3. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 1, wherein
3 said progress data includes an identifier for indicating whether or not said
4 transaction is preset as said security; and
5 said center site, in a case where said identifier indicates that said transaction is
6 preset as said security, notifying said seller-side terminal that said applying information can not
7 be received.

1 4. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 1, wherein
3 said applying information includes a specification of said financial institution; and
4 said center site transferring said financing requesting information to said terminal
5 of said specified financial institution.

1 5. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 1, wherein
3 said financial institution transfers, to said center site, an approval/disapproval of
4 said financing in response to said financing requesting information; and
5 said center site that receives said approval/disapproval of said financing transfers
6 said approval/disapproval of said financing to said seller-side terminal.

1 6. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 1, wherein
3 said terminal of said financial institution transfers, to said center site, a financing-
4 capable money-amount in response to said financing requesting information; and
5 said center site that receives said financing-capable money-amount transferring
6 said financing-capable money-amount to said seller-side terminal.

1 7. (Original) A financing application processing method in a center site that is
2 connected via a network to a seller-side side terminal applying a financing and a buyer-side
3 terminal establishing a transaction with said seller-side, wherein
4 said center site
5 has a database for storing progress data on said transaction;
6 receives financing applying information including a target transaction set as a
7 security and a suggested money-amount;
8 makes an inquiry of said buyer-side terminal of said target transaction about a
9 disclosure approval/disapproval of said progress data to a financial institution; and
10 in a case of receiving a disclosure approval for said inquiry from said buyer-side
11 side terminal, transfers, to said financial institution, financing requesting information along with
12 said progress data and said suggested money-amount.

1 8. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 7, wherein, in a case of receiving a disclosure disapproval in response to said inquiry, said center
3 site notifies said seller-side terminal that said financing application is disapproved.

1 9. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 7, wherein
3 said progress data includes an identifier for indicating whether or not said
4 transaction is preset as said security; and
5 in a case where said identifier indicates that said transaction is preset as said
6 security, said center site does not perform said inquiry to said buyer-side terminal, and notifies
7 said seller-side terminal that said financing can not be received in response to said applying
8 information.

1 10. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 7, wherein
3 said received applying information includes a specification of said financial
4 institution; and
5 said financing requesting information is transferred to said specified financial
6 institution.

1 11. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in Claim
2 7, wherein
3 said center site receives an approval/disapproval of said financing in response to
4 said financing requesting information; and
5 said center site transfers said approval/disapproval information of said financing
6 to said seller-side terminal.

1 12. (Original) The financing application processing method as claimed in
2 Claim 11, wherein, in a case of receiving an approval of said financing along with a financing-
3 capable money-amount, said financing-capable money-amount is transferred to said seller-side
4 terminal.